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Senate Resolution 742

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Georgia's Visitor Information Centers Program; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the first Visitor Information Center in Georgia opened in Sylvania on January
- 3 20, 1962; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Visitor Information Centers have grown in popularity throughout Georgia, with
- 5 11 now located throughout the state in Lavonia, Ringgold, Kingsland, Tallapoosa, Augusta,
- 6 Savannah, West Point, Plains, Sylvania, Columbus, and Valdosta; and
- 7 WHEREAS, the goal of the Visitor Information Center Program is to provide travel
- 8 information and assistance in a courteous, hospitable, and friendly manner; and
- 9 WHEREAS, in 2008, Georgia's Visitor Information Centers assisted 11,535,324 visitors,
- making over 29,000 room reservations on their behalf, which generated over \$2 million in
- 11 revenue; and
- 12 WHEREAS, each individual who enters a Georgia Visitor Information Center is greeted with
- a smile and an offer of help; and
- 14 WHEREAS, the dedicated staff of employees at each Visitor Information Center provides
- 15 quality and efficient service, serving as ambassadors on behalf of the State of Georgia; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the commitment to service and quality information and assistance provided by
- 17 each Georgia Visitor Information Center is worthy of appropriate recognition.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 19 commend Georgia's Visitor Information Centers Program for over four decades of quality,
- 20 efficient, and helpful service to residents and visitors of Georgia.

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed

22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Visitor Information Centers Program.